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RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1976, TO
DR. V. R. LOZANSKIY, DIRECTOR, ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF WATER PROTECTION (VNIIVO), ULITSA BAKULINA, 6,
KHARK'OV, 59, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR DR. LOZANSKIY: I AM WRITING TO CONFIRM THE DETAILS
OF THE TWO-WEEK VISIT BY TWO AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3-17, 1976, UNDER PROJECT 02.02-11, RIVER
BASIN WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT.

UNFORTUNATELY, A PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED WHICH WILL MAKE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR DR. D. P. LOUCKS TO PARTICIPATE WITH DR. THANE
GUSTAFSON IN THE EXCHANGE OF WATER PROTECTION SPECIALISTS
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER. RATHER THAN POSTPONE OR CANCEL THE VISIT,
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WE HAVE DECIDED TO SEND DR. TZE-WEN CHI IN PLACE OF DR. LOUCKS.

DR. CHI IS AN ASSOCIATE OF META SYSTEMS, INC., A RESPECTED PRIVATE CONSULTING FIRM LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. HE IS A SPECIALIST IN SYSTEMS ANALYSIS IN WATER RESOURCES PLANNING AND HAS HAD SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY MODELING. IN THIS RESPECT, HE HAS FREQUENTLY SERVED AS A CONSULTANT TO EPA. DR. CHI PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITING SOVIET SPECIALISTS HELD UNDER PROJECT 02.02-11 DURING JULY 1975 AND AUGUST 1976. HE ALSO WAS CO-AUTHOR OF THE PAPER ON 'WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT MODELS: SPECIFIC CASES AND SOME BROADER OBSERVATIONS,' PRESENTED BY RUSSELL DELUCIA AT THE DECEMBER 1975 SYMPOSIUM HELD IN KHAR'KOV AND ROSTOV-ON-DON.

DR. CHI WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON OCTOBER 3. AS NOTED IN THE MESSAGE DATED JULY 15 FROM WILLIAM BROWN TO YURIY KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET, DR. GUSTAFSON WILL BE IN THE SOVIET UNION ON OTHER BUSINESS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19, SO HE WILL ARRANGE TO MEET DR. CHI IN MOSCOW ON OCTOBER 3. BOTH DR. CHI AND DR. GUSTAFSON WILL DEPART FROM MOSCOW ON OCTOBER 17.

WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE A DETAILED ITINERARY OF THE OCTOBER 3-17 VISIT SO THAT DR. CHI AND DR. GUSTAFSON CAN FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE PROGRAM. AS NOTED IN THE JULY 15 BROWN MESSAGE TO KAZAKOV, OUR SPECIALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS ON THE OVERALL SOVIET APPROACH TO WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY THE SOVIET EXPERIENCE MANAGING THE SEVERSKIY DONETS RIVER. WE ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE ACTUAL PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING THE MODELING TECHNIQUES AND PLANNING METHODOLOGIES THAT ARE EMPLOYED, HOW THE PLANS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, HOW MODELING RESULTS ARE USED IN MAKING WATER QUALITY DECISIONS, WHAT ECONOMIC FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED, AND HOW WATER PROTECTION DECISIONS WILL BE ENFORCED.

IN ADDITION, I FEEL IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH YU. BELICHENKO, DIVISION HEAD OF THE STATE INSPECTORATE FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTION OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT IN MOSCOW, DURING THE OCTOBER VISIT. ALSO, IF IT COULD BE ARRANGED, A MEETING WITH N. KHVOSTENKO, HEAD OF THE YAROSLAVL' BRANCH OF THE UPPER

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VOLGA BASIN INSPECTORATE, MAY PROVE INFORMATIVE. THIRDLY, IF TIME PERMITS, IT MAY BE VALUABLE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. GERARDI OF THE PLANNING INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF RECLAMATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT (V/O SOIUZVODPROEKT). I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THESE REQUESTS.

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING DR. CHI'S ACCEPTABILITY SO THAT ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO VISA

ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE COMPLETED IN TIME. ALSO, WE ARE AWAITING
FINAL DETAILS ON THE ITINERARY FOR THE OCTOBER 3-17 VISIT.
SINCERELY YOURS, MARK A. PISANO, DIRECTOR, WATER PLANNING
DIVISION"
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